

# **Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities**

## **2012 Work Plan**

### **Conduct inclusive outreach to communities where individuals with disabilities often experience isolation**

- Improve listserv by making it more interactive
- Represent the Commission at four community events
- Hold one commission meeting per quarter in a Seattle neighborhood
- Host a Goal Ball or wheelchair basketball event

### **Ensure that key City staff and organizations outside the City have information and training to enable effective interaction with individuals who have disabilities**

- Respond to community requests for training
- Educate the commissioners on how to conduct trainings effectively
- Work with emergency preparedness personnel and officials
- Assess current awareness training for police, fire, and emergency services
- Identify best practices and submit recommendations to each department

### **Monitor and provide expertise on issues that affect people with disabilities in Transportation, Housing, Employment and Public Accommodations**

- Transportation:
  - Continue working with the Seattle Department of Transportation to curb abuse of parking placards. Reaffirm opposition to four hour time limit
  - Address increase in fare for bus passes and removal of annual pass option
  - Assess other transportation issues: Sidewalk and street access, taxicab access, and training of transit employees
- Housing:
  - Engage community regarding housing discrimination
- Employment
  - Research the city's ability to recruit, hire, and retain employees with disabilities
- Public Access:
  - Access within tunnel and on Metro buses
  - Gender neutral accessible bathrooms
  - Great student initiative
  - Project Civic Access